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FLOOR COVERING WITH WOVEN FACE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

PRECEIVED 1700 1700 This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application wherein the Examiner restricted the prosecution of the application to one of the following three groups:

Group I

Claims 1-27, drawn to a multi-layered floor covering;

Group II

Claims 28-35, drawn to a method of making a multi-layered floor

covering; or

Group III

Claims 36 and 37, drawn to a method of providing a continuous

floor covering.

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I hereby certify that this RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this 19th day of April 2002 with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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The Examiner indicated that the groups do not relate to a single inventive concept since the floor coverings claimed in the independent claims of each group do not require the same multi-layered structure.

The invention of Group I as represented by claims 1-27 is hereby elected with traverse on the basis that the claims do contain a common inventive concept, as embodied by the fabric of claim 1.

No fees are believed to be required with the filing of this response. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,

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